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Price-List

—OF—

Roanoke County Nursery,

SALEM, VIRGINIA.

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FALL 1897.



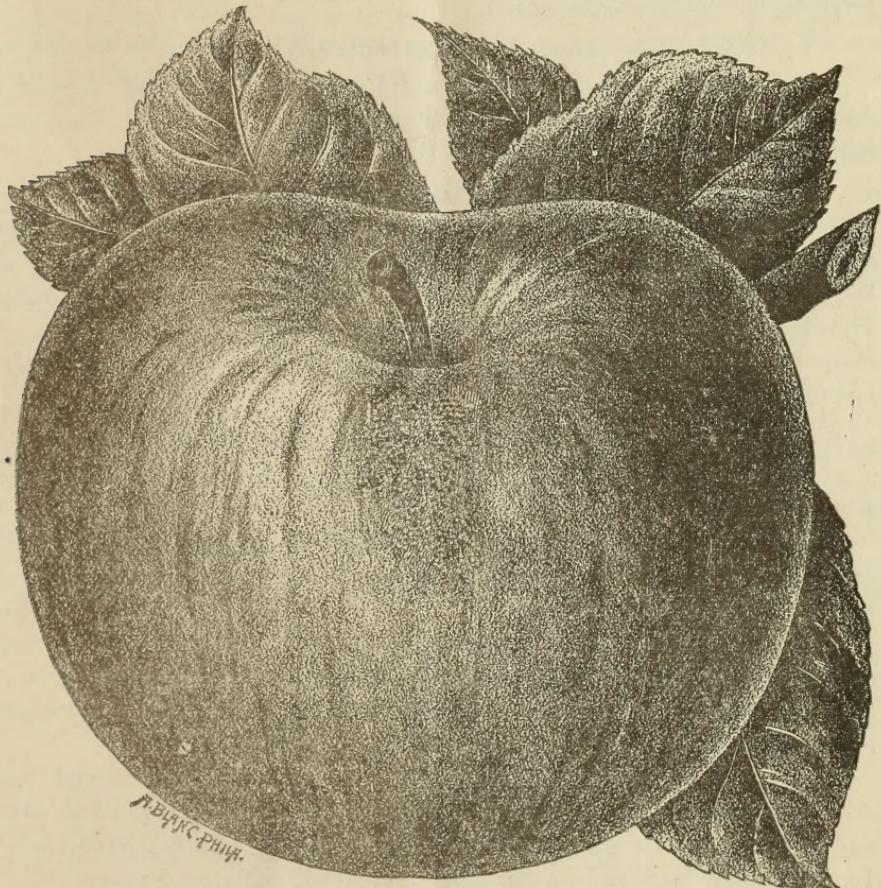
SPRING 1898.



PRICE LIST OF
ROANOKE COUNTY NURSERY,

SALEM, VIRGINIA.

«FALL, 1897, AND SPRING, 1898.»



JAMES G. WERTZ, Proprietor.
Fruit Grower and Nurseryman.

TIMES-REGISTER PRINT,
SALEM, VIRGINIA.

Please Do Not Fail To Read the Following:

I have had twenty years experience in Nursery and Fruit Growing. My Nursery is on the McAdam Road and Norfolk and Western Railroad, West Salem, Virginia.

Cash (by Draft, Money Order or Registered Letter) with order will secure prompt filling. No goods shipped unless cash or satisfactory reference accompanies the order.

Trade taken at market prices, Wheat, Corn, Baled Hay, &c.

No stock will be reserved unless one-half of the cost is sent with the order. Goods will be shipped "C. O. D." only when one-half payment is sent with order.

At prices named goods are carefully packed in moss or straw, well baled or boxed, and delivered to forwarders here, after which my responsibility ceases, except for mistakes in filing, which must be reported within five days after receipt of goods, to admit of adjustment. Be careful in unpacking to note everything, and immediately "heel in" in moist soil till planted, or *plant at once*. Never allow the roots to dry, or failure will most likely result.

Every care is taken to secure safe and prompt shipment.

It is always better to ship by Express, unless the amount of stock is large.

Give explicit directions for Shipment. When such are not given I shall use my best judgment in selecting a route, but will not be responsible for loss thereby.

Customers will generally be most successful in getting desirable assortments by leaving the selection, in part at least, to me, as I have had much experience in testing and growing for market, but I desire every one to have his or her choice as near as possible.

It is to my own interest to give customers the best terms and selections possible. But I cannot prevent droughts, severe winters, early and late frosts, insects and rabbits, or bad treatment in other hands, hence I never insure trees to live, but deliver good stock, in good order, true to name. In case I fail in these I replace or refund money.

I deliver all stock to the express and railway companies, in good order. With such delivery my responsibility ceases.

 It is distinctly understood that in any case where stock fails to come up to specifications, I am liable only to replace stock or refund money received for goods in question.

PLANT YOUNG TREES.

We cannot too strongly recommend to our customers the procuring of young trees, especially for orchard planting, instead of selecting the largest that can be had, to secure a more immediate effect. They can be taken up with more perfect roots, and will become sooner established in a new location. They can also be more readily trained to any desired shape. The largest and most successful planters invariably select young, thrifty trees as the surest in the end to give thorough satisfaction.

For small grounds, or street planting, when it is necessary to make a show as soon as possible, large trees are often desirable, and when handled with care should not fail to do well, but with the general planter the average of loss will be much less, and both time and money will be saved if young trees are selected to commence with.

ADVICE TO PLANTERS.

Select thrifty young trees in preference to old or very large ones; the roots are more tender and fibrous and they bear transplanting better and are far more apt to live; they can also be more easily trimmed and shaped to any desired form, and in the course of a few years will usually outstrip the older ones in growth.

PLANTING.

Fill up the hole with surface soil, so that the tree will stand as it did when in the Nursery, after the earth is selected, except Dwarf Pears, which should be planted deep enough to cover the Quince stock upon which they are budded two or three inches. Work the soil thoroughly among the roots, and when well covered tramp firmly. Set the tree firm as a post, but leave the surface filling (of poorer soil) light and loose. No staking will be required except with very tall trees. Never let manure come in contact with the roots.

DISTANCES TO SET STOCK.

Apples.....	40x40 ft.,	27 trees per acre.
".....	33x33 ft.,	40 " "
".....	30x30 ft.,	48 " "
Pears, Standard.....	25x25 ft.,	70 " "
Pears, Dwarf.....	12x12 ft.,	300 " "
Peaches, Plums and Apricots	18x18 ft.,	135 " "
Strong-growing Cherries.....	20x20 ft.,	110 " "
Duke and Morello Cherries.....	16x16 ft.,	170 " "
Grapes.....	10x16 ft ,	275 vines "
Asparagus.....	2x 5 ft.,	4,250 plants "
Currants and Gooseberries	2x 4 ft.,	5,450 bushes "
Raspberries and Blackberries...	3x 6 ft.,	2,420 plants "
Strawberries.....	1x 3 ft.,	14,500 "

AGENTS.—Why pay an agent as much for his services as the trees cost? Be your own agent and send direct to the Nursery as he does and save his profit.

APPLES.

My stock embraces the best varieties, and these are mostly propagated directly from the best bearing trees, hence will bear young and abundantly. Prices except otherwise stated:

	DOZ.	100	1,000
First-class, 4 to 6 ft.,	\$1.30	\$ 10	\$80
Medium, 3 to 4 ft.,	1.00	7.00	60

SUMMER APPLES.

Yellow Transparent.—Earliest ripening apple known. Of Russian origin, medium size, light transparent lemon yellow, flesh juicy, pleasant sub-acid, very early.

Early Harvest.—Medium size, yellow, very good.

Red Astrachan.—Medium to large, nearly crimson, striped, juicy, acid. Last of June.

Carolina Red June.—Medium, oblong, deep red, sub-acid; bears and ships well, July 20th here.

Sour Bough.—Very large, greenish yellow, good cooker.

Early Ripe.—Large, yellow, firm, sub-acid; good market sort. Middle of July.

Summer Queen.—Large, striped, coarse; great bearer. August 1st to 10th.

American Summer Pearmain.—Medium, oblate, smooth, red and yellow, tender, juicy, rich; moderate grower, bears early, July and August.

Early Margaret.—Medium, red striped; good bearer and cooker. Last of July.

FALL APPLES.

Maiden's Blush.—Good size, yellow,

red cheek, good for cooking or dessert.

Grime's Golden Pippin.—Golden yellow, good size, round and firm; excellent.

Fallawater.—Very large; color green, with red cheek; good keeper.

Smith Cider.—Medium size, greenish white, striped with red; very productive.

Buckingham.—(Equinately) good, abundant, striped, large, excellent market.

Fall Pippin.—A large apple of deep, golden yellow, with creamy, rich, melting flesh; not very productive, but desirable for its fine fruit. Mid-autumn.

Smokehouse.—Size medium to large, yellow shade, productive and good quality.

Wine Apple—English Redstreak, Hay's Winter.—A valuable late autumn or early winter apple; fruit large, skin yellow more or less covered with mixed and broken stripes of red, splashed with crimson; flesh yellowish, firm, juicy; flavor acid to sub-acid, rich; quality good. October to December.

Gravenstein.—Large, bright yellow, roundish, splashed with red and orange, high flavor, prolific.

Alexander—(Emperor) of Russian origin. A fall variety. Large; deep red or crimson; flesh yellowish white, crisp, tender, with pleasant flavor. Very hardy. October.

WINTER APPLES

Ben Davis.—(New York Pippin). A fine winter sort for profit; large,

nearly all red, of rather poor quality; an extra good keeper and prolific.

Rome Beauty.—Large, striped and splashed with red, tender, productive, popular market sort.

Back Creek or Albemarle Pippin.—My grafts are cut from a bearing orchard and are true to name.

Large, roundish oblate, light yellow, crisp, juicy, high flavor; succeeds best in mountainous section. \$10 per 100.

Limbertwig.—An old sort, medium, roundish, yellow and russet, shaded with dull red; flesh firm, sub-acid.

Northern Spy.—Large, roundish greenish-yellow, striped red; rich, aromatic, extra good quality; a good keeper. A shy bearer.

Paradise Sweet.—Large round, greenish yellow, brownish-red blush. Flesh sweet and of good quality.

Johnson's Fine Winter (York Imperial) Large, showy red. Great bearer, very profitable.

Wine Sap.—Medium size, dark red, very productive, rich, late.

Langford.—Large, deep red, good quality, productive, late.

Rawle's Geret.—Medium, flattish, striped. Late to bloom.

Dominie (Wells).—Medium yellow striped red, tender, juicy. Very prolific. Winter.

Royal Limbertwig.—Large, flattish, splashed and streaked with red, fair quality. November to February.

Va. Beauty.—Large, dark red, very good. Nothing better for market. Sells everywhere. November to January.

Baldwin.—Large roundish, dark red;

fine flavor, sub-acid, crisp and juicy; very much esteemed. Trees grow erect and vigorous, bearing well.

NEW APPLES.

20 CENTS EACH.

Loy.—A very profitable variety at the South and West. It is one of the best winter apples and can hardly be too highly recommended. The fruit is large as the Ben Davis; an extra long keeper.

Mammoth Black Twig.—Seedling of Wine Sap; better and stronger grower, hardier, fruit much larger, often four inches in diameter and very uniform in size; color darker red; flesh firm, flavor mild, sub-acid; a very long keeper. Very valuable. \$2 per dozen. November to April. \$12.50 per 100

Springdale—A Long Keeping Apple.—Hon. W. G. Vincenheller, President Arkansas Horticultural Society and Arkansas State Commerce of Agriculture says: A new seedling. Took first premium at the Arkansas State Fair. Our *best long keeper* and will sell, when known, *above all others*. Fine grower, wood very hard, absolutely ironclad. Has proven the heaviest bearer of perfect apples. Prof. Van Deman thinks it one of our best new apples. Fine deep red color, excellent quality, and a splendid keeper. Freezing does not injure the fruit. 25 cents each.

CRAB APPLES.

Twenty-five cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

Siberian Red.—Small, waxen, yellow and red. August.

Yellow Siberian.—Small, yellow, firm; good to eat and preserve. Last of August.

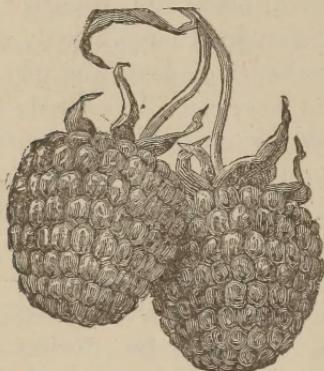
GOOSEBERRY.

15 cents each : \$1.50 per dozen.

Houghton —Red and reliable.

Downing.—White, large and productive.

RASPBERRIES.



CUTHBERT.

Cuthbert.—Fruit large, deep red, delicious flavor.

Souhegan or Tyler.—A very early blackcap and the leading early market sort. It ripens its entire crop in a very short period.

Palmer.—Early; ripening its whole crop in a few days; heavy bearer; good quality; profitable shipper.

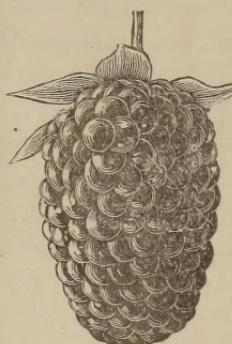
DOZEN,	\$1.00	1,000
TWENTY-FIVE,	1.00	\$8.00

Miller Red Raspberry.—Berry is as large as Cuthbert, holding its size to the end of the season: round in shape; color bright red; core very

small; does not crumble, making it the firmest and best shipping berry in existence; has a rich, fruity flavor. The time of ripening is the very earliest. Price, \$1.50 per 100; \$10 per 1,000.

BLACKBERRIES.

Early Harvest.



EARLY HARVEST.

50 cents per dozen ; \$1.00 per 100; \$8.00 per 1,000.

PEACHES.

	DOZ.	100	1,000
First-Class, 4 to 6 feet,	\$1.50	\$6.00	\$50.00
Medium, 3 to 4 feet,	1.25	5.00	40.00
Second Class, 2 to 3 feet,	1.00	4.00	30.00

Alexander.—Medium, bright red; none earlier, none better.

Early Rivers—Large creamy white; beautiful. July 10th.

Mountain Rose.—Large round, white flesh, red cheek, free.

Lady Ingold.—Large, handsome, yellow freestone, ripening immediately after Haie's Early. Quality very good, valuable.

Family Favorite.—Seedling of Chinese Cling. Large, handsome, certain and prolific; Flesh white. Valuable for shipping, canning or drying. Ripe last of July. Freestone.

Stump the World.—Large, white, with red cheek, juicy, high flavor. August 15th.



Elberta.—One of the largest yellow freestone sorts, and held in high esteem.

August 15th.

Wheatland.—An improvement upon Crawford's Late and ripening just in advance of it. Extra large; beautiful golden yellow with a crimson cheek. Of fine quality and very productive.

Crawford's Late.—One of the most popular and profitable market sorts, on account of its large size and showy appearance.

Heath Cling.—An old sort, every where prized for home use and market. September 10th.

Old Mixon Free.—An old and reliable family market sort. August 1st to 10th.

Chinese Cling.—One of the largest and best cling stone peaches. August 1st.

Globe.—Fruit large, globular, skin and flesh yellow, fine, showy.

Smock's Free.—Rather large, red cheek, with yellow skin and flesh. Market sort. September 10th.

Wonderful.—Very large, rich golden yellow, high flavor. September 15th.

Bilyeu's October.—A very fine peach, fully two weeks after the Smock; large size with slight red cheek, free stone. Best of late peaches.

Salway.—A very late yellow peach ripening after Smock. Large, yellow, mottled with red.

Champion (New).—We know of no other white peach so fine which ripens so early, and the fact that it is so hardy as to produce a crop when all others fail, renders it of great value.

Crosbey (Hale's Hardy Excelsior)

Medium size, round; bright yellow, with crimson splashes; flesh bright yellow, juicy, mild, sub-acid, rich. Ripens just before Crawford's Late. Valuable for the unusual hardiness of its fruit buds.

Mary's Choice.—Large, handsome, high quality, ripening medium early. This is a better peach than Crawford's Early.

Husted's Early (or Early Michigan). Large size. In shape roundish, smooth and true. Color light yellow groundwork, with a beautiful red cheek in the sun. Flesh light cream color, flavor rich and delicious, melting, juicy and vinous. Great keepers, shippers and sellers.

Eaton's Golden Cling.—Beautiful yellow throughout; of medium size and good quality; makes a beautiful canned, pickled, or preserved product.

Indian Blood Cling.—Large, deep, claret, with deep red veins; downy; flesh deep red; very juicy, vinous and refreshing.

Brandywine.—Very similar to Crawford's Late; fully its equal, ten days later.

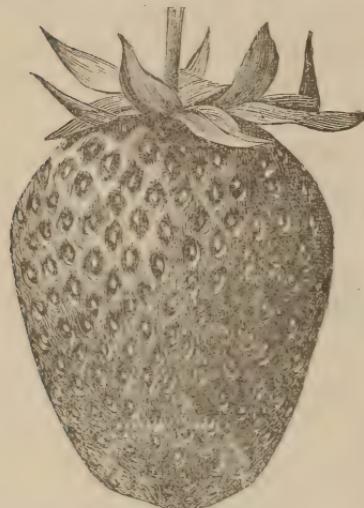
Old Mixon Cling.—Fruit large, roundish, oval; skin yellowish white, varying from pale to lively red; flesh pale white, very melting, juicy, exceedingly rich, luscious, and one of the highest flavored of all peaches.

Wager.—Large, yellow, blush on sunny side, good quality, productive and hardy.

CURRENTS.

One and two years-old plants, 15c. each; \$1.25 per dozen. Varieties: Cherry, La Versailles, Red Dutch, White Grape, Black Naples, Fay's Prolific—new, productive, large size, good flavor, red. 25 cents each; \$2 per dozen.

STRAWBERRIES.



HÄVERLAND.

Those marked P. which are pistillate, are destitute of pollen, and require to be planted near some perfect blooming sort. If desired to horse work, plant in rows one by four feet; if to be hoe worked, one by one and one half feet. The pistillate sorts are generally most productive, and about every third or fourth row of some staminate sort is sufficient to fertilize them. Planting may be done from September to May; if in freezing weather, partially cover plants with trash. Prices, unless otherwise stated, 25 cents per dozen; 75 cents per 100; \$3.50 per 1,000.

Michel's Early.—Among the earliest good berries I have yet tested Ripens whole crop in a few days. Berries medium size; good quality and moderate bearer.

Gandy.—A fine late berry, large, firm, regular in size and shape; handsome and showy.

Bubach No. 5, P.—In vigor of plant productiveness, large size and profit ableness, I have found no superior.

✓ **Tennessee Prolific.**—Large, good quality, productive. Mid season, \$1.00 per 100.

Beder Wood.—A very successful early bearer in many places. Not equal to many other of its class here.

✓ **Woolverton.**—A heavy bloomer and a great pollinizer. Rusts some, but bears a good crop of fine, large, very firm berries.

Haverland P.—Berries medium to large, long, uniform in size; good quality; none more productive on rich land. Ripens from early to late.

Parker Earle.—Large, handsome, very productive; plants rust some; ripens from medium to very late, and is a good shipper. \$1.00 per 100.

✓ **Greenville, P.**—Large, showy and productive. Mid season. \$1.00 per 100.

✓ **Gandy Belle.**—Large, very showy. Thrives in all soils and climates. Requires manure and good culture. \$1.50 per 100.

GRAPES.

My vines are mostly two years old. Price, 15 cents each; \$1.00 per 10.

✓ **Brighton.**—Large, red, excellent quality; very fine. Early.

✓ **Champion (Talman).**—Large, black, poor quality, productive, early.

Concord.—Large, black, good; succeeds everywhere. Mid season.

Delaware.—Medium, bright, red, delicious; a feeble grower. Early.

Lady.—Large, white, sweet, and of good quality; good grower. Early.

Salem (Rogers' No. 28).—Large, red, good grower. Mid season.

Martha.—Large, white, foxy; vigorous and productive. Mid season.



Moore's Diamond.—Large, greenish white, good; prolific. Early, 25 cts.

Moore's Early.—Large, black, good quality; vigorous. Early. 25 cents.

Niagara.—Large, greenish-white, poor quality. Mid-season. 25 cents.

Pocklington.—Large, whitish, amber; vigorous grower. Mid-season. 25 cents.

Ives.—Medium, black, fair market, wine, free from disease.

QUINCES.

Two to three feet, 35 cents each; \$3.00 per dozen. Champion and Angers; Meech & Rhea's Mammoth.

EVERGREENS.

Two Feet, 50c.

Chinese Arborvitæ, Globe Arborvitæ, Compacta Golden Arborvitæ, Irish Juniper, Norway Spruce, Balsom Fir.



SHADE TREES.

Silver Maple.—A fast-growing tree for street. Ten to 12 ft., 50 cents each.

Carolina Poplar.—(Cottonwood) A most rapid growing tree for street or lawn. 10 to 12 feet, 50c each.

Calycanthus.—Old Virginia sweet smelling shrub, flowering size, 50c each.

Irish Juniper.

NUT TREES.

Spanish Chestnut, English Walnut.—Trees four to five feet high, 50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.

CHERRIES.

Trees four to six feet, 30 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen; \$15 per hundred.

Early Richmond.—Medium red, acid, productive.

May Duke.—Large, red, and rich, and good quality.

Gov. Wood.—Large, yellow, with light red cheek, delicious.

Napoleon.—Very large, light, with red cheek, sweet and good.

English Morello.—Above medium; nearly black, rich, acid. July.

Black Tartarian.—Large, purplish black, sweet, late. July.

Reine Hortense.—Large, bright red, flesh tender, juicy, sub-acid, delicious. Tree vigorous and productive—very fine.

PLUMS.

On plum roots, four to six feet, 25c each; \$2.75 per dozen; \$15 per 100.

Gold Plums.—New, originated by Luther Burbank, of California. Large, round. Color—Bright yellow, faintly tinted with crimson. Very handsome, good quality, very productive, a good keeper, and an excellent shipper.—Every orchard should contain several Gold Plum trees. Price, 75c each.

Wild Goose.—Medium red, good quality, standard sort. Free from euculio. July.

Shropshire Damson.—Fruit larger than the common damson. \$15 per hundred.

Abundance (not Botan).—Fruit medium to large, flesh yellow, juicy and sweet, and excellent quality. This is one of the best of the Japan Plums and is sold in immense quantities.

Burbank.—One of the very best of Japan Plums, three or four weeks later than Abundance, and resembling it closely.

Sumatra (Blood).—Medium to large, dark, dull red: flesh blood red and fairly good. Ripens mid season.

Bradshaw.—Large, violet red, extra fine quality, bears heavy crops without much nursing. Tree very vigorous. Ripens early.

Lincoln.—Very large and fine, quality extra; tree hardy and a sure bearer. Color—Reddish purple, with blue bloom. A very showy and valuable plum. Price, 50 cents each.

PEARS.

First-class, 30c.: Dozen, \$3 00.

Clapp's Favorite.—Large, handsome, delicious, good grower and productive.

Bartlett.—A good grower, very productive and an annual bearer. Fruit large, yellow, juicy, buttery and excellent; very popular.

Osbard's Summer.—Medium yellow: sweet and fine flavor. July.



KEIFFER.

Flemish Beauty.—Large, pale yellow, much russeted: rich, melting, vigorous, productive, very hardy.

Seckel—Small, rich, yellowish: one of the best and highest flavored Pears known. Productive.

VEGETABLE PLANTS.

At Prices Named the Purchaser Pays Express or Postage.

Asparagus Roots.

July and August. Price per 100, 25c: per 1,000, \$2.00.

500 Sold at 1,000 Rates.

Egg Plants.—Ready May and June. Per dozen, 25c.; 100, \$1.25.

Conover's Colossal.—Two-year-old roots, \$1.00 per 100; \$5.50 per 1,000.

Sweet Potato Plants.—Ready May and June. Per 100, 25c.: per 1,000, \$2.00.

Barr's Mammoth and Palmetto.—Two-year old roots, \$1.00 per 100; \$6.50 per 1,000.

Pepper Plants.—Ready May and June. Per dozen, 20c: per 100, \$1.00.

Tomato Plants—Ready April, May, June, and July. Hot bed plants per dozen, 10 cents; 100, 75 cents; 1,000, \$4.00. Transplanted plants, large and stocky, per dozen, 25 cents.

Celery Plants.—Ready June, July and August. Per 100, 40c.: Per 1,000, \$8.50.

Early Cabbage Plants.—Cold frame and plants ready March and April. 30 cents per 100; \$2.50 per 1,000.

Horse Radish Roots. Per dozen, 25 cents; per 100, \$1.

Late Cabbage Plants.—Ready June,

Rhubarb Roots.—Strong roots, 20c. each: \$2.00 per dozen.

Address all orders to

JAMES G. WERTZ,
Salem, Va.

REFERENCE.—Farmers National Bank, Southern Express Company, Bank of Salem, Salem Improvement Company, all of Salem, Va.

TESTIMONIALS.

NACE, VA., March 30, 1897.

The trees came in fine order. I am well pleased with them. Will want several hundred more this fall.

Yours truly,

JERY DEEL.

DUBLIN, VA., April 3, 1897.

Box to hand and trees all O. K. You will please send me 26 more trees. Enclosed check for amount of my bill.

Yours truly,

G. A. VERMILLION.

BOWMONT FARMS, SALEM, VA., June 18th, 1896.

I take great pleasure in stating that I regard Mr. James G. Wertz as a practical and reliable nurseryman, and entirely worthy of the confidence and patronage of the public. My dealings with him have been entirely satisfactory.

A. M. BOWMAN.

SALEM, VA., June 15th, 1896.

This is to certify that I have bought fruit trees from Mr. James G. Wertz for six years and found them first-class and true to name; as good as are sold by traveling agents at twice his prices. I can recommend him to the public.

REV. JOHN W. ELLER.

EGGS FOR SALE.

Brown Leghorn, from prize taking birds, 15 eggs for \$1.00.

SAN JOSE SCALE.

I wish to announce to my customers that all stock leaving Nursery this season will be certified by Prof. Wm. B. Alwood, State Inspector, as having been properly inspected and fumigated.

FERTILIZERS.

A Large per cent.
of the cost of Fer-
tilizers can be saved
by buying them direct
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The grades pre-
pared for Wheat, Corn,
Oats, Grass and Truck
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